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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA: NORTH KOREAN STRATEGY AND EFFORTS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MARCH 9, MOFA UN DIVISION
CHIEF YI CHONG-PI
OUTLINED INFORMATION ROKG HAS RECEIVED
RECENTLY AS WELL AS HIS OWN TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT
NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS REGARDING UPCOMING 32ND UNGA AND
NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE FONMINS' MEETING IN
NEW DELHI. YI SAID NORTH KOREANS APPEARED TO BE
ATTEMPTING TO CREATE MODERATE IMAGE WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED
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AS A "PEACE OFFENSIVE". HE SAID REPORTS FROM ROK
EMBASSY JAKARTA INDICATED NORTH KOREA WAS UNDERTAKING
PEACE OFFENSIVE EFFORT IN JAKARTA AND PEKING. YI SAID
HE EXPECTED NORTH KOREA'S MAIN EFFORTS WOULD BE TO
ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A FAVORABLE LINEUP IN THE UN GENERAL
COMMITTEE. YI SAID SOUTH KOREA'S SUCCESS IN PROMOTING
FAVORABLE GENERAL COMMITTEE ALIGNMENT LAST YEAR HAD BEEN

A PARTICULARLY BITTER BLOW TO NORTH KOREA. HE SAID ROKG WAS COMPILING LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO APPROACH REGARDING GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR. HE LAMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT MOST COUNTRIES WERE CONFRONTED WITH SUCH A HOST OF INTERESTS OF THEIR OWN THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE THEM TO SEEK GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ON BASIS OF KOREAN CONSIDERATIONSJM

2. YI SAID MOFA HAD NOT YET REACHED ANY TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS ON HOW BEST TO REINVIGORATE CORE GROUP. YI SAID IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CORE GROUP MEETING BEFORE THE END OF MARCH.

3. YI NOTED THAT NORTH KOREA APPEARED TO BE PREPARING FOR SOME SORT OF INITIATIVE AT NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE FONMINS' MEETING IN NEW DELHI IN APRIL. HE SAID NORTH KOREAN DELEGATE APPEARED AT NACC MEETING IN NEW YORK JANUARY 24 FOR FIRST TIME. YI NOTED ROK EMBASSY NEW DELHI WAS TOLD BY INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UN DIRECTOR VERMA, THAT THE INDIANS HAVE NEVER BEEN APPROACHED BY NORTH KOREANS CONCERNING NACC FONMINS' MEETING. (THIS CONFLICTS WITH REPORT FROM ROK EMBASSY IN MALAYSIA, AND MOFA IS RE-CHECKING). VERMA TOLD ROKG NORTH KOREA WILL PROBABLY ATTEND MEETING AND CAN RAISE KOREAN QUESTION THERE. YI SAID ROKG IS SENDING OUT NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO 37 ROK EMBASSIES IN COUNTRIES WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE CLOSEST FRIENDS IN NACC IN ORDER TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN INITIATIVE AT NEW DELHI.
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4. YI SAID MOFA HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM ROK EMBASSY PARIS SAYING THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAD RECEIVED LETTER FEBRUARY 11 FROM NORTH KOREANS APPEALING FOR SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITION ON DIALOGUE BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA APPARENTLY ALONG LINES OF JANUARY 25 NORTH KOREAN FOUR-POINT PROPOSAL. YI SAID ROK EMBASSY PARIS INSTRUCTED TO GET CONTENTS OF LETTER IF POSSIBLE. HE NOTED LETTER TO YUGOSLAVIA FURTHER SUPPORTED CONCQSION THAT NORTH KOREA APPEARED TO BE CHANGING UN TACTIC FROM HARD LINE TO "PEACE OFFENSIVE".

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY BELGRADE CAN PROVIDE ON ALLEGED LETTER FROM NORTH KOREANS.

6. COMMENT: WE TOO HAVE NOTED INCREASED NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY AND APPARENT MILDNESS OF NORTH KOREAN TONE COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. UPCOMING NACC MINISTERIAL MEETING

IN NEW DELHI SHOULD PROVIDE FIRST CLEAR INDICATION OF
NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS. AS MOFA HAS POINTED OUT TO US
HERE, THERE IS ONE CATCH-ALL AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING
RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY LAST YEAR'S COLOMBO NAC SUMMIT
UNDER WHICH KOREAN QUESTION COULD BE RAISED. ADDITIONALLY,
ALTHOUGH PRECEDENT WOULD TEND TO RULE OUT PASSAGE OF
RESOLUTIONS BY NACC NEW DELHI MEETING, COMMUNIQUE IN
WHICH KOREAN QUESTION COULD BE INCLUDED IS QUITE POSSIBLE.
THEREFORE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AND USUN CONSIDER URGING
FRIENDLY NACC DELEGATIONS TO ATTEMPT TO DISCERN NORTH
KOREAN INTENTIONS IN UNGA AND AT SAME TIME TO DISCOURAGE
NORTH KOREANS FROM RAISING KOREAN ISSUE EITHER IN NEW
DELHI OR IN UN, ON GROUNDS ONLY UPRODUCTIVE CONFRONTATION CAN
RESULT.
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